

SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILED ACTION

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of reference has failed to disclose or suggest an ophthalmic device for retaining a lens capsule, comprising a single rod forming a linear handle portion, an end of said rod being bent at an acute angle relative to the linear portion of the handle so that the end is not parallel to the linear portion of the handle, and an extension formed at a free portion of the end, wherein the extension is not parallel to the linear portion of the handle, wherein the extension includes two linear tips connected to and diverging from the end with respect to each other in opposite directions, and especially wherein each tip has a blunt free terminus as shown in F 1 to avoid puncturing the capsule as described in section [0043].

Claims 22, 24-25, 28, 31-34 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VY BUI whose telephone number is (571)272-4692. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on 571-272-46962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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